



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

May 8, 2012

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rebekah Gewirtz	Chair	Present	
John M Connolly	Vice Chair	Present	
Bruce M. Desmond	Alderman At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	Alderman At Large	Present	
Thomas F. Taylor	Ward Three Alderman	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Assistant	Present	
Dave Shapiro	Asst. City Solicitor	Present	
Doug Ross		Present	

**192528 - That the City Solicitor immediately draft a City Ordinance for the licensing of food trucks.:**

Mr. Shapiro reviewed the draft with the committee and noted that the Board of Aldermen would be the licensing authority under this proposal and would have authority over the locations of operation. The members discussed aspects of the proposal, including operating hours, menu options, locations owned by the state but under the control of the City, prohibited locations and the impact of mobile food vendors on established restaurants in the city. Mr. Ross told that members that he requested input from the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, but has yet to receive a reply. The committee indicated its desire to have a representative from the Chamber of Commerce present at the next committee meeting to discuss this matter. Although this was not a public hearing, vendors present at this meeting were allowed to speak.

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**192930 - Requesting the classification of the Mayor's Advisor for Children and Youth as a Special Municipal Employee, and the approval of an exemption under Section 20(d) of G. L. c. 268A for Stephanie Hirsch.:**

Mr. Boukili explained that Ms. Hirsch's salary would be paid by the City and the School Department. If Ms. Hirsch is granted Special Municipal Employee (SME) status, she would be allowed to have city contracts in addition to her city employment. Ms. Hirsch was previously

classified as a SME, however a re-designation is necessary due to Ms. Hirsch's position/title change. Mr. Bouliki will provide the committee with Ms. Hirsch's job description.

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

**192952 - That this Board requests that the Administration work with this Board to craft legislation allowing the City to lien an individual's state income tax refund for payment of outstanding taxes, fees, fines and any other liabilities owed the City.:**

Mr. Shapiro informed the members that there is a relevant state statute to deal with this and that it must be processed through the State Controller's Office. As of now, however, that office does not have the technology to perform the task.

**RESULT:**

**WORK COMPLETED**

**193048 - Assistant City Solicitor submitting a proposed BOA rule relative to the Open Meeting Law.:**

This item will remain in committee for discussion at a later date.

**RESULT:**

**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**